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Bikkuri Suru hodo Doji na Koi

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Chapter 2

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Even though we've been friends for a long time, Tom recently confessed his feelings for me.
Life never ceases to be surprising
Continued
A Surprisingly Clumsy Love
CLANG
For the super klutzy Tom
And for me who can't seem to leave him alone
THUDDDD
Things were messy but
OH? GOOD FOR YOU

GUESS GUYS YOU TALKED IT OUT, HUH?
YEAH.
STARE...
THAT SAID...
SORRY TO WORRY YOU.

We decided to start by being friends.
IF YOU EVER TAKE NAO OUT TO THE MOVIES AGAIN,
For now.
I WON'T BE SO FORGIVING.
NOW, NOW
G-GOT IT!
Stop glaring at me!

IT'S NICE OUTSIDE. .
KINDA MAKES ME SLEEPY
Haaa,
Nod
Nod
Tom looks sleepy, too
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE WERE APART FOR A WHILE,
BUT JUST WATCHING HIM IS AMUSING

Ba-dump
SMILE
TOM, DON'T FALL ASLEEP!
SO CUTE!
Nod
NAO..
Warm
Warm
TOM.

TOM, DON'T SLEEP.
I WON'T NOT WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME
I LOVE YOU, TOM.
SO DO I, NAO.
WHA-
Clatter
AHHH!!
SNAP

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU NOT TO FALL ASLEEP!
Ha ha ha
Hey! But...
TOM, YOU'RE THE BEST! THAT WAS HILARIOUS!
HAHAHA!
ENOUGH ALREADY, NAO...
NO, I... ER...
Stop that, Takkun!
HUH?!
Phew, my stomach hurts
WHAT WERE YOU DREAMING ABOUT?
NO ONE'S WATCHING.
Lovey
WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US?
Dovey

WHOAA
TOTALLY WATCHING
!
DA-DUMP
DA-DUMP
GUESS THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT HAVING A GALLERY, HUH?
STEP STEP
Y-YEAH ..
UM HAHA. THAT WAS REALLY SOMETHING...

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
fidget
FANTASIZE
Squeeze
N-NAO!
THIS IS AWK-WARD
HM?
SKIK
HUH?!

WH..
WHOA
TOO TIGHT!
WAIT A..
TOM!
HUFF
HUFF
SQUEEZE
GAH-
UM...
TOM?
SHOVE
STOP IT, TOM...!

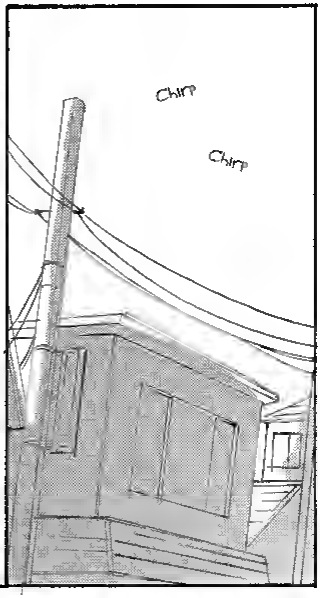
I... I'M SORRY.
SILENCE
.....
!!!
IT'S OKAY...
THAT'S NOT IT!
THAT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, SO...
ER, I MEAN ...
SOAK
GEEZ,
EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM IS TOO SUDDEN
He's an extreme case
THAT SURPRISED ME.

Hmph
MINE IS ALL FLAT
HE HAS A REALLY BROAD CHEST...
PAT
PAT
To "start by being friends"
Means we won't just "stay as friends."
I GOT HUGGED
In other words, those things are involved
.....
IT'S JUST HIS BUILD THAT'S GOTTEN BIGGER!
SPLASH
SPLASH
BUT THIS IS TOM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
I'LL APOLOGIZE TOMORROW!
SOSK
I was too surprised
I PUSHED HIM AWAY, DIDN'T I?

GLOOOM
NNGH ...
I LET MYSELF LOSE CONTROL...
Tremble
Tremble
NOW HE MUST THINK I'M SOME KIND OF STARVED BEAST..!
HE REJECTED ME.
COMPLETELY...
NAO.
OOF.
IT'S NO GOOD..!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT I'LL DO AT THIS RATE!
Nngh
CLONK

Tap Tap
HM...
Step
Step

I GUESS THE FACT THAT IT JUST HAPPE-NED MAKES ME KINDA NERVOUS..
UM, TOM?


Chirp
Chirp

Shift
LOOK, YOUR TIE..

YOU'RE A LITTLE WORSE THAN USUAL TODAY...
Messy
R-REALLY?

OH ..
I'LL FIX IT MYSELF!
I-IT'S FINE!
TOM?
I'M SORRY ABOUT DOING THAT SO SUDDENLY
Y-YES-TERDAY,
I...
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
UM, TOM? ABOUT YESTERDAY...
JOLT

OOF.
CLANG
TOM...
STOP!
WHOOSH
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY!
Tom.
I guess what happened yesterday is still bothering him.
HEY, TOM
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING
ACK!
I FORGOT! THERE'S THIS BOOK I NEED TO RETURN...!
UH... OH!
CLATTER
CLATTER
I HAVE TO GO TO THE LIBRARY!
Jump
YOU MEAN... THAT? BUT THOSE ARE YOUR NOTES
Notes
I-IT'S FINE!
I'M GOING TO RETURN THIS!
AH,
TOM, WAIT!
Dash

GEEZ,
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
TOM!
Step
Step
NO RUNNING IN THE HALLWAYS!
DASH
I CAN'T DO THIS...!
I WANT TO TOUCH HIM WHENEVER HE'S NEAR ME!
OH, TOM!
TURN
B-BATH-ROOM ...
HEY TOM...
WHAT'S THAT?!
YOU COME, TOO!
LUNCH ...
!?
I'M SORRY, NAO.
Sob
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE I'M ACTING LIKE A BEAST...!

FWIP
He's just running off on his own again!
ANNOYED
Strawberry Milk
That little !
W-WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
ARE YOU FIGHTING AGAIN?
Sure. I know it's my fault too but
SO YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO LOOK AT ME NOW?
Clench
Fine. If that's how it's gonna be then I'll show you!
I'll catch you if it's the last thing I do!
EEK!
CRUSH!

SEE YOU TOMO-RROW!
CHATTER
CHATTER
GOOD WORK!
ALRI-GHT
NAO ISN'T HERE
Glance
Glance
HUG
STOP IT!!
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE I WON'T LOSE CONTROL AGAIN ON OUR WAY HOME
Step
Step
Step
I SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GO BY MYSELF...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, TOM

UH
Bump
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?!
I TOLD YOU, WE NEED TO TALK!
HEY!
TCH
TOM!
BANG
WAIT JUST A...
OOF.
I'M REALLY BUSY
OH?
I
I HAVE A CLUB MEETING RIGHT NOW
BUT YOU AREN'T EVEN IN ANY CLUBS
I JUST JOINED ONE THE OTHER DAY!
WE PLANT GRASS, AND PICK FLOWERS.
THAT SORT OF THING
Mumble
Mumble

Pull
HERE
I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME
Eek!
STOP LYING TO ME!
Gah!
Thump
Thump
Thump
ARE YOU MAD THAT I PUSHED YOU AWAY?
THIS IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
IT'S NOT--UM, I--
Push
DON'T COME NEAR ME!
Clench
DON'T-

I'M A DANGEROUS PERSON!
Inch
Inch
I DISREGARDED YOUR FEELINGS,
GAVE IN, AND DID SOMETHING S-SHAMELESS!
THUD
TOM?
IF YOU GET ANY CLOSER,
I'LL TOUCH YOU!
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T COME NEAR ME!
A-ALRIGHT, I GET IT! CALM DOWN!
.....
IF YOU'RE WITH ME, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT I'LL DO!

WAIT, THAT'S DANGE-ROUS..
IF YOU GET ANY CLOSER,
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING..
SCUFF
NO, YOU DON'T!
DON'T GET ANY CLOSER!
WOBBLE
THEN DON'T BLAME ME
IF SOME-THING
HAPPEN-NNNS?!
TOM!!
TUMBLE TUMBLE

TOM!!
..OM.
NAO!
TOM
FIRST YOU SAY YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME, THEN YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SEPARATE. YOU'RE REALLY SELFISH, YOU KNOW THAT?
IF YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY THAT BADLY, THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT?

TOM!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
GOODBYE, TOM
NAO! THAT'S NOT IT!
JOLT
DON'T GO, NAO!
NAO, I'M SORRY!
squeeze
H-HUH?
HEY, TOM...

I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED!
I WANT TO TOUCH YOU, AND BE BY YOUR SIDE!
BUT I'M SCARED OF BEING REJECTED.
IF YOU START HATING ME, THEN I... I'LL DIE...!
YOU'RE BEING SILLY.
HUH? WHA... THAT WAS A DREAM?!
I-I'M SORRY! I...
IT'S FINE, TOM.
Push

THE TRUTH IS, IT DIDN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL.
BUT...
Squeeze
I'M SORRY, TOO
WHEN YOU HUGGED ME YESTERDAY,
Shift
I TOLD YOU TO STOP WITHOUT THINKING
I WAS REALLY NERVOUS
IT'S REAL!
Bounce
Bounce
A-AM I DREAMING AGAIN...?
I LOVE YOU...!
TEAR
TEAR
T-THAT'S
THANK GOOD-NESS
NO...

kiss
!
U-UM...
I-I WANT..
TO DO IT, TOO.
CALM DOWN, TOM!
T-TO..
KISS..
BIG BANG
OH, SORRY.
W-WH-WH... N-N-N-NAO!
Blush
TOM!
Your nose is bleeding!
YOU...
DRIP